GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Kazakhstan signed a series of bilateral deals recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits accruing to the country as a result of the deals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. A number of areas including Information Technology, Energy, Pharmaceuticals and Defence were identified for closer bilateral cooperation.

(b) The following bilateral agreements were signed during the visit of Hon`ble Prime Minister to Kazakhstan from 2-5 June,2002 :

i) Agreement on setting up of a Joint Working Group for combating international terrorism and other types of crimes.
ii) Memorandum on Military-Technical Cooperation
iii) Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Tourism.

(c) Both the countries wish to promote closer bilateral relations to mutual advantage. Recent steps would further our efforts in this direction. Our enhanced cooperation in these sectors will add to the relationship.